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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF PHENOLIC  
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Examiner: L. J. Heincer

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2008, enclosed herewith a RCE and a three month Extension of Time, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following:

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**